

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 4, between lines 18 and paragraph [0010], please insert the following new paragraph from claim 22:

A processor readable media is used for storing instructions operable in a wireless device to:

maintain a list of unusable wireless communications systems, each entry of a wireless communications system in the list of unusable wireless communications systems including avoidance criterion that is equal to a current time plus an avoidance duration time for not using the wireless communications system, wherein at least one of the unusable wireless communications systems is included on the preferred roaming list;

select a wireless communications system from a preferred roaming list of wireless communications systems;

determine whether the selected wireless communications system from the preferred roaming list is a usable wireless communications system or an unusable wireless communications system, wherein the selected wireless communications system is determined to be an unusable wireless communications system, before attempting to acquire and register with the selected wireless communications system, when the selected wireless communications system is included in the list of unusable wireless communications systems and when the corresponding avoidance criterion is satisfied; and

attempt to acquire and register with the selected wireless communications system when the selected wireless communications system is determined to be a useable wireless communications system.